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 ANALYSTS FOR TERRORIST
 ACTIVITIES BY LEBANESE AND OTHER ARAB-IRANIAN EXTREMISTS. THE FACT
 THAT SOUTHERN LEBANON, THE TRADITIONAL HOME OF MANY OF LEBANON'S
 SHIA, IS OCCUPIED IS CAUSING GROWING ANGER AND FRUSTRATION WITHIN
 THE SHIA COMMUNITY AND MAKING IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE
 LEADERSHIP OF THE MAINSTREAM ORGANIZATION, AMAL, TO CONTROL
 MILITANTS.

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SUBJ: LEBANON SITUATION/DIA INTSUM NBR 8 (AS OF 231600Z OCT 83)
 1. (U) THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE
 PAST TWELVE HOURS:

A. (C) MINOR VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE REMAIN THE NORM.
 INCIDENTS INVOLVING SMALL ARMS, MACHINE GUN, MORTAR, ROCKET
 PROPELLED GRENADES AND SOME ARTILLERY TOOK PLACE IN THE VICINITY OF
 SUQ AL GHARB, AYIAT, QABR SHMUN, KHALDAH AND IN THE SOUTHERN SHUF
 REGION OF KHARROUB. SOME SMALL ARMS EXCHANGES ALSO OCCURRED IN
 SOUTH BEIRUT AS WELL.

B. (C) THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CAR BOMBING, WHICH SO FAR HAS
 TAKEN THE LIVES OF 161 US MARINES, HAS BEEN CLAIMED BY THE FREE
 ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, AN OBVIOUS NOM DE GUERRE. THE NOM
 DE GUERRE USED AFTER THE 18 APRIL BOMBING OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
 WAS THE ISLAMIC STRUGGLE ORGANIZATION.

2. (S/NF) COMMENT: (MUHAMMAD HUSAYN) FADLALLAH'S PRO-IRANIAN
 LEBANON "PARTY OF GOD" (HIZBALLAH) REMAINS THE PRIME CANDIDATE
 BEHIND THE US MNF AND FR MNF BOMBINGS. THE ACTUAL HIT TEAM,
 HOWEVER, MAY HAVE COME FROM HUSAYN (HUSAWI)'S AFFILIATED GROUP, WHICH
 IS BASED IN THE BEKKA VALLEY CITY OF SAALBEK, WHERE IT MAINTAINS
 DIRECT LINKS WITH IRANIAN REVOLUTIONARY GUARD AND IRANIAN
 INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL. WHILE LEBANESE AND ISRAELI CHARGES OF
 SYRIAN OR PALESTINIAN INVOLVEMENT WERE TO BE EXPECTED, IT IS
 UNLIKELY THAT EITHER HAD ANY PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ATTACKS. IN
 ADDITION, NEITHER SYRIA NOR THE PALESTINIANS WOULD HAVE USED A NOM
 DE GUERRE HAVING AN ISLAMIC TITLE. FURTHERMORE, SYRIA HAS HAD ITS
 OWN PROBLEMS ATTEMPTING TO KEEP IRANIAN ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON UNDER
 SOME DEGREE OF CONTROL, AND THIS TYPE OF BOMBING IS NOT CONSISTENT
 WITH THE MODUS OPERANDI OF SYRIAN COVERT OPERATIONS. THE CONTINUED
 ISRAELI PRESENCE IN LEBANON, THE PERCEIVED DE FACTO PARTITION OF
 THAT COUNTRY BY ISRAEL, AND THE GENERALLY HELD BELIEF THAT ISRAELI
 ACTIONS SINCE ITS JUNE 1982 INVASION HAVE HAD AT LEAST THE TACIT

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